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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN BAUXITE

FOR CHARGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
FROM THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I HAVE MUCH APPRECIATED BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF THE
EVOLUTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA
TEAM AND THE BAUXITE PRODUCING COMPANIES.

I WAS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED WHEN THE TWO SIDES WERE UNABLE TO
REACH AGREEMENT.

SO MUCH RIDES ON THIS NEGOTIATION FOR BOTH COUNTRIES -- NOT
ONLY THE SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS OF REVENUE AND INFLATION, BUT
THE LONGER-TERM PROBLEMS OF THE VIABILITY OF THE COMPANIES

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AND THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF BAUXITE AND OTHER INVESTMENTS IN

JAMAICA -- THAT BOTH SIDES MUST SURELY HAVE AN OVERRIDING

INTEREST IN REACHING AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY URGED UPON THE COMPANIES AS WELL AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVES THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTLEMENT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

IT IS HARD FOR ME TO THINK THAT HAVING COME THIS FAR, IT WILL NOW BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE TWO TEAMS TO REACH AGREEMENT, AND THAT WE MUST FACE THE JEOPARDIES OF A UNILATERALLY IMPOSED SOLUTION. AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, JUSTICE GOLDBERG, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMPANIES, IS PREPARED TO PUT FORWARD CERTAIN IDEAS OF HIS OWN AS TO WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH BOTH THE REVENUE AND THE OTHER ISSUES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE RESOLVED. HE IS DOING SO AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN. LET ME EXPRESS THE HOPE, MR. PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THE EFFORT BY JUSTICE GOLDBERG THE MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AS A POSSIBLE KEY TO RESOLVING THE IMPASSE.

I MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING, ON RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, OF THE RESULTS OF JUSTICE GOLDBERG'S DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

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